

REMARKS

Claims 12, 14, and 16-21 have been amended and claim 13 has been cancelled.

Information Disclosure Statement

A new information disclosure statement including a copy of the European Patent Office Search Report has been included. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the references.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), 102(a or e)

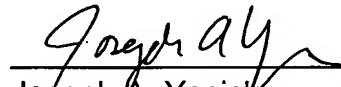
Claims 12 and 21 stand rejected as anticipated by Shaw, Schulz, and Guigonis. Claims 12 and 21 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 13. Claims 14 and 16-19 have been amended to depend from claim 12. Previously allowed claim 20 has been amended to incorporate additional limitations so as not to be duplicative of claim 12. The Examiner had indicated that claims 1-3, 5-8, 10, 11, and 13-19 include allowable subject matter. Therefore, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance.

SUMMARY

Applicants believe the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any remaining issues, he is invited to contact

the undersigned attorney for the Applicant via telephone if such communication would expedite this application.

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